THE TRAVANCORE INSURANCE ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to present the report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill as reported may be taken into consideration.

MR. E. G. SALTER: I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

The Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 1 to 18.

The question that Clauses 1 to 13 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 18 were added on to the Bill.

Title and Preamble.

The question that the title and the preamble do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

The title and the preamble were added to the Bill.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I may be permitted to state that my attention was drawn to one or two clerical errors occurring in the Bill as republished. In the Select Committee report and the original Bill these mistakes did not occur. These mistakes may be corrected.

PRESIDENT: So long as the Select Committee's report contained no mistake, this House in accepting it is taking the proper course. But in regard to the misprints in the document before us the case is different. I must state that I have been noticing in regard to the printing of bills and questions, a large number of clerical mistakes and the vagaries of the printer's devil. It is the duty of the Legislative Council Secretary and it is the duty of the Government Press to see that if any Acts and Regulations are to be published they are published in a manner which is beyond reproach. I trust such mistakes will not hereafter recur, for, if any mistake is found, everyone responsible for that will have to be dealt with.

MR. E. SUBRAMONIA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Sir, in Clause 65, I notice a small error.

PRESIDENT: Have you sent up notice of the amendment?

MR. E. SUBRAMONIA AIYAR: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Alright. The honourable member can proceed.

MR. E. SUBRAMONIA AIYAR: Sir, the sub-section (a) under Section 65 ought to be under sub-section (6).

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I noticed that error. It was particularly with reference to it that I stated already about the existence of a few clerical mistakes.

PRESIDENT: Supposing the amending bill is passed with the errors and becomes law. Then somebody will have to pay for the whole cost for another meeting of the legislature for amending those errors.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Under the standing orders the Secretary has the authority to correct the errors when the Bill is printed and finally published.

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Sir, I move that the Travancore Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill be passed.

MR. E. G. SALTER: I second the motion.

The question that the Travancore Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill be passed was put and carried.

The Bill was passed.

THE TRAVANCORE EVIDENCE BILL.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I rise to present the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Travancore Evidence Bill and beg to move that the Bill as revised by the Committee be taken into consideration.

DR. C. C. JOHN: I second the motion.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, most of us had no time to go through the Bill and study it. Therefore I request that further time may be given to us before the Bill is taken up for consideration.

PRESIDENT: The Evidence Act of British India is a fairly well-known Act. It is one of the reproaches to Travancore that it has had no Evidence Act. And, so far as I can understand, this Bill proceeds on the lines of the British Indian Act. When was it published, Legal Remembrancer?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: The report of the Select Committee was published on 20th May.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, there are certain recent decisions of our High Court applying to certain sections of the Evidence Act. These decisions show some discrepancies in the application of the sections. Therefore we want to study the Bill more closely before it is put on the Statute book.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member ought to have done that by this time. Are you now making a motion for adjournment?

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY: Sir, the motion is not seconded.

The question that the Bill be taken into consideration was put and carried.

The Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 1 to 24.

The question that clauses 1 to 24 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 to 24 were added on to the Bill.

Clause 25.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*): Sir, I rise to move that the term "Police Officer" in line 2 may be deleted and the expression "an officer who is vested with the powers of the Police, by law" be subsituted.

My object in moving this amendment is to avoid conflict of judicial decisions in future and also to bring the law in consonance with the decisions of our High Court. So far as Police functions are concerned there are now various Acts which confer such powers. The Opium Act, the Excise Act, the Forest Act and other similar Acts invest the

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